

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD**  
**100 N Park, Rm 201**  
**Helena MT 59620**

**Board Legislative Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 24, 2009**  
**1:30 pm**

Committee Members: Terry Smith, Chair (via telephone)  
John Paull (via telephone)  
Dianna Porter (via telephone)

Staff: Roxanne Minnehan, Scott Miller, Renae Deadmond, Kim  
Flatow, Ursula Hatfield, and Barbara Quinn; MPERA staff.

Other Attendees: No public present

**Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the open meeting of February 17, 2009 were presented.

Motion: Ms. Dianna Porter moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 PERB Legislative Committee Meeting.

Second: Mr. John Paull

No public comment.

Vote: 3/0

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Board Legislation – Status/Sponsors**

Friday, February 27 is the transmittal deadline for general bills.

**HB12 Working Retiree Bill**

This bill was re-referred to the House Appropriations Committee. HB 12 is categorized as an appropriation bill. The transmittal deadline is Thursday, March 26. All House Appropriation Committee Members voted for HB12 on the House floor.

**HB109 General Revisions Bill**

This bill was referred to a Senate State Administration Committee, February 21.

**HB170 Qualification Bill**

This bill was referred to Senate State Administration Committee on, Saturday, February 21.

**Review of Introduced Bills**

**House Bills**

**HB31, HB32, HB33, HB124, HB142, and HB266** are probably dead.

**HB393 – Special contract for city police fund to transfer to MPORS**

This bill's hearing was Wednesday, February 4, before the House State Administration Committee. It is categorized as a revenue bill; the transmittal deadline is Tuesday, March 31.

**HB619 – Sudan Divestment Act**

This bill's hearing is scheduled Tuesday, March 3, before the House Appropriation Committee.

**HB626 – Revise transfer from local police retirement plan to MPORS**

This bill passed out of Committee and is scheduled for second reading on the House Floor, Tuesday, February 24.

**Senate Bills**

**SB295** is probably dead.

**SB372 and SB373 – Revise firefighter laws**

SB372 was tabled in committee. SB373's second reading pass motion failed with a 24/29 vote. The Senate voted 26/24 to indefinitely postpone.

**SB484 – Adjust retirement date for new hires (PERS/TRS)**

This bill's hearing was held Friday, February 20, before the Senate State Administration Committee. Executive Action on Friday, February 20, a vote to pass out of committee the bill was 6/5. The fiscal note was received Tuesday, February 24.

## **Review List of Un-introduced Bills**

An updated listing of introduced and un-introduced retirement bill requests was provided.

**LC1137 and LC2126** could be introduced before the transmittal deadline.

## **Actuary Study Concerning Funding for Legislation**

Staff has not received a response to the funding letter and Milliman study from House or Senate Leadership. Rep. Himmelberger, House Administration Chair, stated he would look for it. Senate Lewis, who requested the information, said he read it and thought it was ok. He stated he didn't like the age 65 deal. It was cruel and inhumane. Ms. Minnehan did have a conversation with David Ewer, Budget Director. He stated it was inappropriate to take far reaching steps – we have time to see what happens. After the session we can address this large issue which requires heavy analysis.

## **Other Potential Legislation**

Ms. Minnehan informed the Committee in regards to a letter from Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh. Rep. Hollenbaugh is sponsoring HB266, eliminating member contribution requirements for DROP participants of MPORS. Rep. Hollenbaugh is disappointed with Ms. Minnehan's testimony. The Board moved to remain neutral on HB266, Rep. Hollenbaugh feels Ms. Minnehan testified in opposition and commented that she was an opposing informant. The Committee asked Ms. Hatfield to listen and transcribe the testimony from the HB266 hearing. Then a letter will be sent to Rep. Hollenbaugh in response to his issue with Ms. Minnehan.

## **Board Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule**

Weekly meetings are scheduled each Tuesday at 1:30 pm through the legislative session at 100 N Park Ave, Helena, MT 59620.

**Meeting adjourned 2:30 pm by Mr. Terry Smith, Chairman.**